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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/50/655 and Corr.1 and 2) and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/802).

3. The Committee considered the item at its 41st meeting, on 17 December 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.41).

II. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT DECISION PRESENTED ORALLY BY THE CHAIRMAN

4. At the 41st meeting, on 17 December, the Chairman of the Committee presented orally a draft decision on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, which was amended by the representative of France.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: 2/

(a) Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of United States dollars 22,370,000 gross (20,384,400 dollars net) already authorized and apportioned for the period from 1 October 1995 to January 1996 under the provision of General Assembly resolution 49/247 of 20 July 1995;

(b) Also decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their future apportionment their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 2,618,600 dollars gross (2,217,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 October 1994 to 30 June 1995;

(c) Further decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 2,618,600 dollars gross (2,217,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 October 1994 to 30 June 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations.

1/ A/50/655 and Corr.1 and 2.

2/ A/50/802.